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FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Speed Monitoring Systems being Deployed

With the passing of Emergency Ordinance 47-09, as amended, and Resolution 48-09, the Forest Heights Town Council authorized the use of speed cameras in designated school zones throughout the Town. The Town of Forest Heights school zone speed camera program will start with a 30-day warning period on March 1, 2010. In accordance with State and local law, starting on March 31, the Forest Heights Police Department will issue a civil citation carrying fines of up to \$40.00 to vehicles that exceed the posted speed limit by 12 miles per hour.

A mobile speed camera trailer will be initially located on Talbert Drive just west of Indian Head Highway in the Forest Heights Elementary School Zone. Under the supervision of the Police Department, the speed camera trailer may be relocated to other locations within the designated school zones of the Town of Forest Heights. Future locations may be determined based on traffic volume, the magnitude of speeding, and other public safety concerns.

In addition to Talbert Drive, speed camera locations designated for future deployment within the Town's designated School Zones include the following:

- MD-210 (Indian Head Highway)
- Livingston Road
- Comanche Drive
- Quade Street, between Comanche Drive and Arapahoe Terrace
- Arapahoe Terrace
- Terrell Avenue
- Oxon Run Drive, between Talbert Drive and Seneca Drive

This program, known as "Operation Get Home Safe", works in conjunction with the Police Department's efforts to significantly improve highway safety on Indian Head Highway, one of the State's busiest corridors leading to Washington, D.C.

Residents testifying at the public hearing last August were very supportive of school zone speed enforcement and the Town Council's efforts to make Forest Heights a pedestrian safe community. Motorists should remain cognizant of their speed when traveling within the Town of Forest Heights' corporate limits.

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